

April 12, 2006

Federal Election Commission 999 E State Street, NW Washington, DC 20463 Attn: Ms. Maureen Benitz

RE: John Dougherty, Treasurer IBEW Local 98, COPE Year End Report I.D. No.: C00162818

Dear Ms. Benitz,

The Committee on Political Education welcomes the opportunity to respond to your letter of February 24, 2006. The expenditures which have been questioned by the Commission are discussed seriatum:

- 1. Mr. John McClay. Operation of COPE's phone bank for voter registration for State and local government candidates only.
- 2. Local 98 IBEW. Reimbursement for advances made for poll workers for State and local government candidates only.
- 3. Society Hill Beverages. Expense for everages and refreshments for volunteer workers on phone bank for State and local government candidates only.
- 4. Mr. Edward Kelly. Payment of telephone bank workers' expenses for State and local government candidates only.
- 5. Petty Cash Expense. Food and beverages for volunteers on phone bank for State and local government candidates only.
- 6. Mr. Jeffrey Marshall. Expenses for services incurred for technical support/computer connections for phone bank for State and local government candidates only.
- 7. Liberty Integrated Solutions. Payment for connection of telephone equipment for phone bank for State and local candidates only.

Concluding, all for the expenses referred to above were incurred for non-federal activity.

Very truly yours,

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